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Patent Application

Applicant(s): Y.S. Bagga et al.
Case: 1-1-1-1-1-1-1-3-1
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Patent No.: 7,197,546
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Title: Inter-Domain Network Management
System for Multi-Layer Networks

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DENIAL OF
CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT
FOR PTO MISTAKE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.322(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attn: Decisions & Certificate of Corrections Branch

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.322(a), Applicants hereby request issuance of a Certificate of Correction with respect to errors in the above-identified patent.

A Request for Certificate of Correction regarding this patent was filed on May 18, 2007, and was denied by Mr. Henry Randall and Ms. Cecelia Newman on July 5, 2007. In a telephone conversation with my associate, David E. Shifren (Reg. No. 59,329), on July 10, 2007, Mr. Randall indicated that, upon further review, the request appears to have been proper and that Applicants should file the present Request for Reconsideration.

The errors are set forth on the proposed Certificate of Correction (PTO-1050) submitted herewith. For the reasons below, Applicants respectfully submit that the errors are Patent Office

mistakes and, accordingly, this certificate should be issued pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.322(a). Moreover, the expedited procedure of MPEP § 1480.01 should be utilized in light of the supporting documentation submitted herewith.

The errors for which correction is requested relate to two similarly-titled articles, both by Mark H. Mortenson, cited during the examination of this application.

M. Mortenson, Lucent Network & Services Management White Paper, "Operations Architecture for Data-Centric Converged Telecommunications Networks: Lucent Technologies' Open Operations CORBA Architecture," Lucent Technologies, 1999, Pages. 1-10 [hereinafter "the 1999 reference"] was cited by the Applicants in an Information Disclosure Statement (PTO-1449) submitted with the application on March 7, 2000, initialed by the Examiner on January 24, 2003, and submitted herewith. This reference was also cited by the Examiner on Page 2 of a Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) furnished with an Office Action dated February 10, 2003, also submitted herewith.

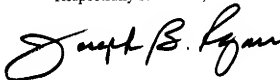
Mark H. Mortenson, "Operations Architecture for Data-Centric Converged Telecommunications Networks," Operations Support Systems 2002: Enabling the Next-Generation Network, Comprehensive Report, International Engineering Consortium, pp. 171-182, 2001 [hereinafter "the 2001 reference"] was cited by the Applicants in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (PTO-1449) submitted on June 10, 2003, initialed by the Examiner on August 25, 2003, and submitted herewith.

The 2001 reference is not listed in the "References Cited" section of the published patent, despite having been put on the record by Applicants and considered by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the 2001 reference be added to the list of references cited.

In citing the 1999 reference on the PTO-892 form, the Examiner misspelled the word "Operations" as "Opeations." This mistake is present both on the PTO-892 form completed by the Examiner and in the issued patent; specifically, the "References Cited" section under "Other Publications," in the last line of the left column of Page 2. Moreover, "Operations" is spelled correctly on the PTO-1449 form submitted by the Applicants prior to the Examiner's erroneous PTO-892. As this mistake was made by the Examiner and not the Applicants, it is attributable to the Patent and Trademark Office.

It is believed that there is no additional fee due in conjunction with this Request for Reconsideration of Denial of Certificate of Correction. In the event of any non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or to credit **Ryan, Mason & Lewis, LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph B. Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joseph" being more prominent and the last name "Ryan" following in a similar style.

Date: July 11, 2007

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In the "References Cited" section under "Other Publications", please add the following:

--Mark H. Mortensen, "Operations Architecture for Data-Centric Converged Telecommunications Networks,"
Operations Support Systems 2002: Enabling the Next-Generation Network, Comprehensive Report,
International Engineering Consortium, 2001, pp. 171-182--.

In the "References Cited" section under "Other Publications", page 2, column 1, last line, please delete
"Opeations" and insert --Operations--.

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- ANB 2. ITU-T, "Recommendation M.3100 - Generic Network Information Model," 99 pages, July 1995.
- ANB 3. M. Mortensen, "Operations Architecture for Data-Centric Converged Telecommunications Networks: Lucent Technologies Open Operations CORBA Architecture," Lucent Network and Services Management White Paper, pp. 1-10, 1999.

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